

TARIFF FRAUDS ALLEGED.

Creditors of Lehmaier & Co. Make Very Serious Charges.

First Criminal Case Brought Under the McKinley Law.

The Law Department of the Custom-House is investigating some very serious charges against the firm of Lehmaier & Co., importers of 28 Greene street, the outcome of supplementary proceedings before Referee Briggs in the matter of the assignment of that firm in March to Nathaniel Myers.

The firm is composed of Ludwig Lehmaier and Sigmund Herzog, and their schedule of liabilities totalled my nearly \$700,000, half of which was to Townsend & Montauk, preferred creditors.

The firm made efforts to settle with the creditors at 35 cents on the dollar, all agreed except Jonas Sharp & Son, whose claim was for \$23,000, and Van Berg & Co., \$10,000.

The firm brought supplementary proceedings to ascertain the financial condition of the members of the firm, retaining ex-Congressman Adams as counsel, and attacked the assignment as fraudulent.

The creditors claim that the books of the firm show on the credit side \$10,000, which is a fictitious claim against the Custom-House for excessive duties, and that the books were kept by a pecuniary system.

In parallel columns the accounts with Julius Lehmaier, in Germany, were found. In one column he appeared to owe the firm, while the other column the firm is in debt to him.

The claim is made that this is evidence of customs frauds; that the one column shows the prices actually paid for goods in Germany, and the other the lesser figures used for bookkeeping purposes.

It is claimed that all the goods imported from France are shown by the books of the firm, were undervalued here, and sent in the overvalued price, and that the importations of the firm since August 1, 1890, when the stringent customs laws went into effect, aggregate \$100,000 to \$700,000.

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DYING OF MALPRACTICE.

Lena Burrows Identifies the Women Who Treated Her.

Lena Burrows, the young girl who was the victim of a criminal operation, is dying in the German Hospital at Newark.

This morning the girl's mother paid her a visit. The scene was affecting. The dying girl, although requested, refused to give the name of her betrayer.

Her parents reside in Newark street, but will make the strenuous number.

Jeanie Denning, the Scotch chaperon, and Mrs. F. Edieck Ecker, the little one, who are under arrest, charged with, according to the police, having been confronted with Lena and she identified them as the parties who caused her trouble.

SHARP'S ROAD GIVES IN.

End of its Long Fight Against Paying the City License Fees.

The Twenty-third Street surface Railway Company has at last ceded, in its long fight with the city to avoid the payment of city license fees on its Bleecker street line.

It paid the City Treasury \$21,842 in settlement of the amount paid against it for back fees from 1879 to 1888.

COONEY IS GUILTY.

Verdict of Manslaughter Returned by the Jury.

John Cooney, the one-legged man who shot and killed Benjamin Keenan March 10 last and who has been on trial in the Brooklyn Court of Sessions, was this morning found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

The trial, which began at eight o'clock, hours earlier, ended at 10 o'clock this morning.

Street-Cleaning Secrets Out.

William Buckley, at one time a carpenter in the street-cleaning department, has been on action against the city for two years. He voices the opinion that the city's street-cleaning department is A.D. H. Rogers, who soon afterwards was dismissed. Mr. Buckley declares that he was suspended because he would not readily agree to superintendents' demands to do work which he did not want to do, and when he did, he was suspended and attempted to discharge him.

Messenger Boy Held for Theft.

Louis Schuler, an American District messenger boy, was held in the 11th district for stealing a fountain pen from the office of the Corbin Banking Company, 107 Broadway.

Nicely Put.

"What ever became of that old, insidious villain of yours, Lord Doodle?" asked Miss Hobbs.

"Oh I had to discharge him. Strangers would mix us up, you know, and take him for Lord Noddyhead and me for the villain," retorted Miss Hobbs.

"Oh dear! I'm glad Ethel. 'And doesn't that prove the truth of the appearances? Never judge by appearances!'"

Tenderer.

"I feel it isn't so much, my dear Mr. Day, said papa after he had scolded Miss Hobbs.

"Yea," rebuked Miss Hobbs. "But in so far as—"

The Incident of Friday.

From Miss Hobbs.

"What ever became of that old, insidious villain of yours, Lord Doodle?" asked Miss Hobbs.

Bingham-Carson, you must excuse my tardiness—just as soon as I get hold of that hundred you borrowed I can pay you that thy love you."

"Carson—Tut! Tut! Don't mention it."

Stern Bros. Stern Bros.

Will place on sale Friday,

TO-MORROW.

Special Sale

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400

pts.

Ladies' Patent Leather

OXFORD TIES,

Louis XV. heels, trimmed with the most desirable shades of gray and tan cloths, suitable for street and evening wear, at

\$3.98 a pr.

FORMER PRICE, \$5.48.

West 23d St.

FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Curious Hint of the Kaiser's Possessions Visit to America.

German Steamship Cleopatra Ashore and Going to Pieces.

*HAMBURG, July 9.—An officer of the new Hamburg-American steamship, *Furst Bismarck*, on board of which vessel the Emperor and Empress of Germany recently went to Germany, has made a somewhat curious statement in regard to an alleged possibility of the imperial couple visiting the United States.*

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